

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 956

By Pitts

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Reverend Alvin Ozell Oldham, Sr., of Clarksville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Reverend Alvin Ozell Oldham, Sr., of Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Oldham was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he served with wisdom and compassion for thirty-four years as the pastor of Concorde Missionary Baptist Church, in which position he earned the respect and admiration of his congregation; and

WHEREAS, born December 3, 1936, in Montgomery County, Reverend Oldham was a man of integrity who embodied the best of his community, having been taught the value of service to others by his parents, James Oldham and Adel Carter Oldham; and

WHEREAS, in addition to giving so much of his life as a dedicated church leader, he also endeavored to serve his fellow citizens as a member of the Clarksville City Council, where he established a reputation of integrity and probity during his three terms as a councilmember; and

WHEREAS, the hard-working proprietor of both a restaurant and a concrete business, Reverend Oldham earned the approbation of his many satisfied customers in all of his dealings; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Oldham committed his singular skills and leadership abilities to several civic and religious organizations, including the Cumberland River South Kentucky Middle Tennessee Baptist District Association, Warfield F&AM Lodge #44, and Prince Hall Lodge F&AM; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Oldham was the proud and loving father and father-in-law of Jerome Oldham and his wife, Beulah; Alvin O. Oldham, Jr., and his wife, Eva; Marcline Nelson and her husband, Eric; and Dale E. Oldham, and he was the devoted grandfather of five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, he is further survived by his sister, Juanita Price; his brother, James W. Oldham; and a host of friends and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Vernice Guerin Oldham; and

WHEREAS, known for his role as a reservoir of faith and outreach to the people of the Clarksville community, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional religious leader, public servant, and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Reverend Alvin Ozell Oldham, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Reverend Oldham.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.